2012 Annual Convention
Pendleton, Oregon

RESOLUTION #12 - 60

"COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) STATION DEPLOYMENT"

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, CNG vehicles reduce carbon monoxide emissions by 90% – 97%; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency continues to make grants available for increasing access to CNG stations; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency has not provided funding for any CNG stations near Native lands; and

WHEREAS, Based on current market conditions, CNG delivers considerable fuel savings of around 50%, when compared to conventional diesel or gasoline; and

WHEREAS, a typical shuttle bus operating on CNG instead of conventional gasoline or diesel stands to save upwards of $10,000 per year; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby urge the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to provide funding for CNG stations on or near reservations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby urge the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to provide funding for a CNG Station in Whatcom County, Washington as a first step in getting CNG to Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2012 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Wildhorse Resort and Casino, Pendleton, Oregon on September 24 – 27, 2012 with a quorum present.

Fawn Sharp, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary